



# The Falcon Flyer

## NEWSLETTER

TERM: 1 WEEK: 6 DATE: 14/03/2024

**Tena koutou katoa, e te Whānau ō Aorangi,**

Our community has once again come together to create more memorable experiences and support our students' learning journey.

Last Thursday our Whole School Whanaungatanga Day at Lake Okareka was a tremendous success, with families turning out to connect with their Child and Aorangi staff by participating in activities like swimming, sports, building sandcastles, playing in the playground and sharing a Kai in the beautiful surroundings. It was heartening to see our school community bonding and fostering connections beyond the classroom. Such events not only enrich our cultural fabric but also provide valuable opportunities for collective growth at our AMAZING Kura.

In the realm of academics, I am pleased how students have settled and are thriving in the consistent, safe, predictable, structured learning environments our Kura provides. The BSLA and iDEAL Structured Literacy Programmes are run school wide. These evidence-based approaches to literacy instruction are designed to support all learners, particularly those who may require additional assistance in developing their literacy skills. By incorporating this programme into our curriculum, we aim to empower every student to become confident readers and writers, laying a solid foundation for their future academic endeavors.

Furthermore, our adoption of the Verity Writing Programme marks another significant stride towards enhancing literacy progress and achievement among our students. This tailored programme not only supports students in honing their writing skills but also fosters a deep appreciation for the written word. Through engaging and scaffolded activities, students are encouraged to express themselves creatively while refining their literacy competencies.

Thank you to all those who have given feedback to our 'Aorangi Strategic plan community consultation surveys - be it by returning the hard copy sheet or online via google forms. Your valuable feedback has assisted to inform and also affirm the wonderful things happening in our school. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in our shared mission of 'Growing our People'. *Nā Matua Kairo*

**Mission: 'We grow our people by Empowering, Encouraging, Engaging each other along our pathway to Excellence'.  
(Our 4 E's principle)**



# Room 7 Cricket Skills with Matua Fergus from the Northern Districts Cricket Association

Room 7 has been working hard with our Structured Literacy Ideal program, which began two weeks ago. Our writing Guru, Whaea Verity continues to provide her expertise to help our tamariki connect, on a deeper level regarding their writing. I can see changes and improvements, and our children are feeling happy with the writing they are producing. We are excited for this journey.

Every time we get the chance we head outdoors and engage in physical activities, such as T-Ball, Cricket Rounders, Multisports, and Rippa Rugby. Last Friday our senior school was lucky to work with Matua Fergus on our cricket skills. Great participation was had from everyone. Competition is always a lot of fun, and getting fit is what we love. The game in the photos below, 'Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes', cone game', was an enjoyable competitive game. Reaction, colour recognition, cardio, and listening ears are what they need for this game. Overall, everyone enjoyed learning new skills, and good teamwork, a few frowns, but a lot of laughter.



In term 1 we are reviewing topics in the **Governance and Management, Parents and Whānau, and Documentation and Self-Review Policy** sections.

**Who reviews our policies and procedures?**

- All reviews are open to board, staff, students, and the school community (parents/caregivers/whānau).
- Anyone can review any policy/procedure that has a review button.
- **Simply search**  
[www.aorangi.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.aorangi.schooldocs.co.nz)

Our username is: **aorangi**  
and password is: **karearea**

Term 1 review topics	
• Te Tiriti o Waitangi	Board review
• Board Responsibility	Board review
• Parent Involvement	
• Communicating with Parents	
• Community Conduct Expectations	
• School Character/Special Character*	Board review
• Documentation and Self-Review Policy	Board review
• School Planning and Reporting	
• Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement	

## Author of the Week!

Remember that time?

Remember that time fishing through summer at Waititi?

That was the best of all.

Dad caught a huge Rainbow-trout. I looked at his fishing rod as he pulled it onto the thick grass.

The Trout spooked while it wriggled. The dark,cold water was up to my waist.

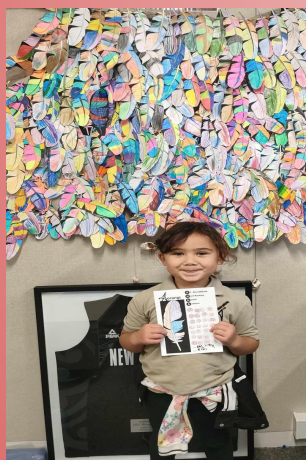
By Rohan Whare



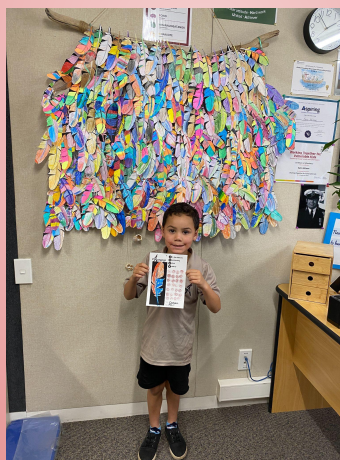
## Aorangi ĀHUA All-stars

Tamariki are awarded stamps in their classrooms for displaying ĀHUA qualities. Once they collect 28 they get a sweet treat from Matua Kairo, their AHUA feather goes onto the Kura Korowai. They also receive a certificate and name in the weekly movie draw at Monday Assembly.

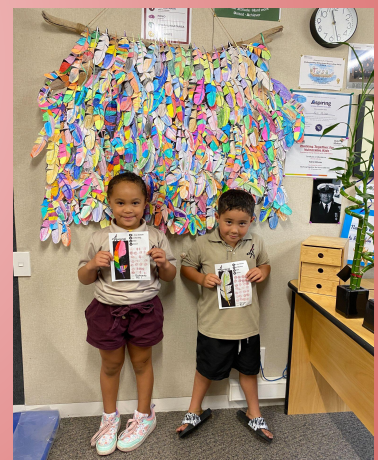
**Ā-ll star Attitude**



**H-ardworking**



**U-nited**



**A-chiever**

# Whanaungatanga Day- Lake Okareka



Attendance Award  
Week 6 - Awarded to :

Room 11 - 88%  
Tumeke koutou!  
School average- 82%



## AORANGI SCHOOL LEADERS



# 2024

## What's coming up?

- Term 1
- 19 March- NZEI Paid Union Meeting - Hosted by Aorangi School. School opens for instruction from 12pm - Lunch will still be provided for Tamariki
- 25 March- Senior Charlie 4 square assembly
- 28 March- Easter raffle draw
- 29 March- Good Friday- No school
- 1st and 2nd April- Easter Monday and Tuesday-No school
- 4 April- BOT Hui-6pm
- 12 April- Last day of Term
- **Term 2 starts- Monday 29th April**

### Uniform Shop Hours

#### Monday - Thursday

9am - 10.30am  
11am - 12.30pm  
1.30pm - 2.30pm

### Payments to the school office

**\*\*Preferred payment is eftpos or bank deposit\*\***

**\*\*If you are paying by cash - it must be the exact amount - change can not be given\*\***

If you require the school bank account number for future payments, please ask at the school office.

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